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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR 4TH QUARTER FY77 GOE INCREASE

REF: A. USIA ADVICE OF ALLOTMENT CHANGE 3, MAY 2, 1977;
B. BERLIN 6365; C. STATE 145982; D. BERLIN 5595

1. GOE TOTAL OF \$92,635 FOR POST OPERATIONS THROUGH THIRD QUARTER FY 77 NOW OBLIGATED AND WHILE FOURTH QUARTER ALLOTMENT OF \$17,758 ESTABLISHED REF(A) COVERS BASIC RECURRING EXPENSES AS OUTLINED THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL PLAN, POST WILL ENCOUNTER UNBUDGETED EXPENSES IN REMAINDER OF FY WHICH WILL NECESSITATE INCREASE IN FOURTH QUARTER GOE.

2. AS REPORTED REF (B), P&C ABLE TO OBTAIN LEASE ON LEIPZIGER-STRASSE 65, APARTMEN 9.1 BEGINNING JULY 1 AT QUARTERLY RENT OF \$2,530, WHICH IS \$588 MORE THAN RENTAL OF USIS-LEASED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AT 175 LENINALLEE. UNDER TERMS OF LENINALLEE CONTRACT, POST TO PAY RENT THROUGH AUGUST 15, THAT IS \$971 IN FOURTH QUARTER. EMBASSY CONTRACTOR AS YET UNABLE PROVIDE ESTIMATE FOR FIXTURES, DRAPES, CARPETING, REQUIRED TO OUTFIT NEW APARTMENT BUT CONSIDER \$3000. PROBABLY SUFFICIENT, INCLUDING INSTALLATION. (POST DID NOT OBLIGATE MONEY FOR DRAPES, CARPETS, ETC. FOR LENINALLEE APARTMENT PENDING OUTCOME OF REQUEST FOR MORE SATISFACTORY QUARTERS). APARTMEN BEING FURNISHED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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TOWNHOUSE SET FORWARDED BY AGENCY IN FEBRUARY AND SUBSEQUENTLY STORED IN WEST BERLIN WAREHOUSE. ADDITIONALLY, APARTMENT REQUIRES BOOKSHELVES, LIVING ROOM AREA RUG, WARDROBES, WHICH POST SEEKING TO PROVIDE FROM ITEMS ALREADY ON HAND. GDR LABORERS REQUIRED FOR MOVE \$500. TOTAL UNBUDGETED EXPENSE FOR QUARTERS THUS \$5,059 OF WHICH \$4,471 IS NON-RECURRING, WHILE INCREASED

ANNUAL RENT OF NEW QUARTERS LISTED AS CONTINGENCY IN FY 77
GOING RATE SUBMITTED JUNE 23.

3. DESIRE ALSO TO MAKE NON-RECURRING OUTLAYS FOR OTHER
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND THEREFORE REQUIRE FUNDS FOR
CARPETING FOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT APARTMENT WHICH NOW
CARPETED WITH PATCHWORK ODD LEFTOVER PIECES, AND FREEZER
FOR PAO RESIDENCE. TOTAL COST ESTIMATED AT \$2000.

4. ALSO EXPECT TO RECEIVE BILLS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF
HOUSEHOLD, LIBRARY, AND OFFICE FURNITURE FROM EUROPEAN
PORT OF ENTRY TO BERLIN PLUS STORAGE COSTS FOR ITEMS HELD
TEMPORARILY IN WEST BERLIN WAREHOUSE. ESTIMATE TOTAL
COST \$4,000.

5. POST DESIRES TO SEND LOCAL LIBRARIAN TO 3-DAY REGIONAL
LIBRARIAN TRAINING SEMINAR IN BUCHAREST IN JULY FOR
ADDITIONAL ORIENTATION IN USIS LIBRARY OPERATIONS. TOTAL
ESTIMATED COST \$500.

6. POST DSA ACCOUNT DEPLETED DUE TO ONE-TIME MAJOR
PURCHASE OF COOKE " AMERICA" VTR SERIES AND
MATERIALS FOR LIBRARY REFERENCE COLLECTION EARLY IN
FY. THEREFORE REQUEST FUNDS TO PERMIT \$1,500 ADDITION
TO POST RMS ACCOUNT, PRIMARILY TO COVER CALENDAR YEAR
78 CORE PERIODICAL ORDER AS REQUESTED REF (C).
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7. AS DISCUSSED WITH PMAO RAY WILL DURING JUNE 16-17
CONSULTATION, EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS DURING FY 77
RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER COSTS FOR LOCAL SALARIES
AND RENTS. FY 77 GOING RATE FIGURED AT 2.55 GDR MARKS TO
ONE DOLLAR, BUT SINCE RATE HAS BEEN 2.4 TO \$1. THIRD
QUARTER FINANCIAL PLAN AND PREVIOUS GOE INCREASE
REQUESTED REF (D) FIGURED ON NEW RATE, BUT FLUCTUATION
CAUSED SIGNIFICANT VARIATION FROM EARLIER BUDGET
ESTIMATES.

8. TOTAL GOE INCREASE REQUESTED ON BASIS OF PARAS 2-6 ABOVE
\$13,000. AS INDICATED PARA 5, REQUEST \$1,500 OF TOTAL
BE ALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO DSA ACCOUNT.
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